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## North Carolina Tobacco Plant Situation, Co. Agent Advises What To Do Now

**By LACY WEEKS**  
The tobacco plant situation is serious in many areas of the state. The plant scarcity is most evident in the eastern sections because it is now clear that the present stand on the beds is all there will be this year in time to do any good. While in the middle and old belt and in the burley area the growers are still hopeful that more plants will appear on the beds where the stand is light. This is not likely unless seed has been added to the bed recently and unless water is supplied to keep the upper surface of the soil moist.

Every effort should be made by the growers to nurse and protect the plants they have left against dry weather, blue mold in insects. **What Can Be Done Now**

Water beds where the plants are small or just coming up at least every other day. The equivalent of 1-4 to 1-2 inch of water at each application is fine on beds at this stage. Plants that are well set should be watered 2 or 3 times per week with 1-2 to 1 inch of water to keep the plants growing. (It will take a little over 5 barrels, 280 gallons of water to supply 1-2 inch on 30 square yards). Apply water just ahead of the blue mold treatment insofar as possible. Many growers have underestimated the dry conditions of the soil with strong winds taking the moisture up immediately after each shower. In many cases light showers fell immediately after the seed were sown and some of the plants came up, others that were sprouted dried out and died. Water at seed germination time is important. Larger plants are being lost now where beds are located on dry thirsty soils as a result of the drought.

Blue Mold has been unusually active in view of the dry weather. As water is applied or when rain comes, efforts to control blue mold will need to be intensified. Many growers have confused cold injury with blue mold and have consequently been discouraged in continuing the treatment.

Good results with Farnate, Dithane E-78 and Parate are in evidence everywhere that the growers are applying the treatment liberally. **CONTINUED ON BACK PAGE**

## PRECINCT MEETINGS BE HELD SATURDAY

Democratic Precinct Meetings will be held in each Precinct in the County on Saturday, April 29, 1950, at 2:00 o'clock, p.m. to perfect the precinct organization and to elect delegates to the County Convention. Precinct meetings will be held at the Town Hall in those precincts in which a Town Hall is located, and at the regular polling place in all other precincts.

The County Convention meets at the Courthouse in Kenansville on Saturday, May 6, 1950, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., at which time delegates will be elected to the State Convention.

## Warsaw Revival Starts Sun. 28

A one week revival service will open in the Warsaw Baptist Church Sunday evening at 7:30. Rev. Dr. Greenlaw, pastor, will preach the opening service. Beginning Monday evening services will be held at 8:00 o'clock each evening with Rev. Charles Burchette of Bladenboro doing the preaching. Services will be held each morning, Tuesday through Friday, at 7:30. The revival will close Sunday evening, May 7th at 7:30.

Mr. Burchette is a forceful speaker and will bring an interesting message at each service. He is the regular Baptist minister at Bladenboro and is a graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary and member of the General Board Baptist Denomination of North Carolina.

A special service of dedication will be held at the church this afternoon at 2:30 at which time all merchants affiliated with the Baptist Church in Warsaw will close their places of business for one hour. Everyone is invited to attend this service and all services throughout the week.

**Bleached Boxcars**  
Shipped Apr. 21-24 7  
Shipped same dates 121  
Shipped May 1-4 1950 279  
Shipped same dates 34 1950 340

## Mrs. Butler's Rhythm Class To Present 1950 Revue In Warsaw Friday Night

Mrs. Audrey Alphin Butler's annual Rhythm Revue presented by her dance classes will be given in the Warsaw high school auditorium at 8 p.m. Friday night. The classes are composed of pupils from Warsaw, Kenansville, B. F. Grady and Outlaw's Bridge. The following program will be presented:

1. Attention - Guess Who.
2. Unannounced Conversation - Back Stage Strolls To Front.
3. Good Evening - Ben Turner, Melvin Williams.
4. Welcome To Mama, Papa - Sunbonnet Babies, Mabel Jane Straughan, Byrl Salyton, Connie Frederick, Betty Britt, Mary Lou Potter, Lura Ann Penny, Sandra Sue Lanier, Ellen Ann Pollock, Mary Sue Baars, Mary Allen, Judie Pearsall, Carolyn Kay Grady, Sarah Ann Scott, Gloria Gould Uzzell, Carol Bradshaw, Mary Lou Reynolds, Edna Fay Powell.
5. Spring Greeting - Queens, Eleanor Gaye Herring and Jeanette Drew. Flower Girls - Virginia Ann Simmons, Bobbie Jock Herring.
6. Sunbonnet Babies Dance For The Queens - Let's Do A Dance.
7. My Sweetheart's The Man In The Moon, Ellen Ann Pollock.
8. Minuet - Pageant Dancers.
9. Chocolate Drop Swing.
10. Sophisticate On Toe and Beau - Dianne Stokes and Nancy Alphin.
11. A Little Bit Of Holland - Dutch Girls - Byrl Slayton, Carol Baars, Judy Rollins, Barbara Stancliff-Patsy Jo Smith, Anne Straughan, Edna Fay Powell; Dutch Boys - Bill Rollins, Bill Straughan, Keith Hobbs, Fred Baars, Charles Powell, American Whistlers - Ben Turner, Melvin Williams.
12. Irish Gayety.
13. Dearie - Little Mae Phillips.
14. Chinese Tea Party For Dollies - Chinese Dancers - Virginia Ann Simmons, Edna Grady, Carolyn Grady, June Ann Smith, Ralph Jean Dotson, Dolls - Ellen Ann Pollock, Byrl Slayton, Chinese Boys - Bill Rollins, Glenn Williams, Melvin Williams, Ben Turner, Bill Straughan, Fred Baars.
15. Chattanooga Shoe Shine - Creative.
16. Rhythm Band - Primary Grades - Leader, Linda Jones.
17. Johnny and Lily Group - Shirley Wilkins, Joan Walker, Jean Walker, Ada Frances Scott, Carolyn Outlaw, Patsy Wilkins, Scarlett Hill, Ann Houston.
18. Salute To Ball Games - Audrey Alphin, Millie Burch, Sarah Alice Pearsall, Nancy Alphin, Betty Phillips, Dianne Stokes, Yvonne Patterson, Lillie Mae Phillips, Little Choo - Bill Rollins, Choo-Choo Fans - Tiny Girls Tappers - Baton Twirling - Sailors Salute - Football Fans - Boys and Girls.
19. Highland Fling.
20. Little Miss Personality of Duplin - Linda Jones, Big Personalities of Duplin - Connie Jo Wells, Carole Jones, Emogene Williams, Jesse James, Wayland Davis.
21. Mammy's Little Baby - Gloria Uzzell.
22. Spring Ballet - Blue Waltz, Orchids To You, Pink Blossom Shower.

We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Mitchener for their kindness in letting us use their Dining Room for practice this year; and also we thank Mrs. Paul Potter for acting as pianist.

## Baby Clinic

Two "Well Baby" clinics were held in the county on Tuesday. Forty white and colored babies were checked in Chinquapin. The second clinic was held in the Health Department Tuesday afternoon. Forty colored babies were checked. Conducting the clinic were Mrs. Helen Ballard, Health Nurse, Miss Inez Ballard, colored nurse, and Miss Isabelle Jones.

## PLAY TO BE AT OUTLAW'S BRIDGE TUESDAY NIGHT

"The Cannibal Queen" a play, will be given at the Outlaw's Bridge school on May 2nd at 8:00 p. m. Proceeds will go towards rebuilding the Outlaw's Bridge. Unsuccessful church which recently burned. The play will be given by the Junior High School.

## FILES FOR SOLICITOR



**LATHAM A. WILSON**  
Mr. Latham A. Wilson, Attorney, has formally filed his notice that he is a candidate for the office of Solicitor of the General County Court for Duplin County, subject to the will of the voters in the county, who will cast their votes for their respective candidates in the May Primary.

Mr. Wilson was reared in Mount Olive and is the son of E. E. Wilson and Betty McPhall Wilson. He received his education in the Mount Olive High School, Washington and Lee University and at Duke University. He served with the Punitive Expedition into Mexico in 1916-1917 and then with the combat forces of the Army Expeditionary Forces of World War I, in which he was seriously wounded but recovered sufficiently to finish his education and has been engaged in the practice of Law in this county for about eleven years, although he had previously practiced in Alamance County until 1930, when he was forced to discontinue his practice due to the war disabilities he had incurred in line of duty.

Mr. Wilson married Miss Tina Fussell of Rose Hill and has five children, three of whom have received their degrees from colleges and Universities in the State, while two of his children are still in high school.

In talking with Mr. Wilson, one would readily find that he has a very definite philosophy of the administration of Criminal Law, and feels keenly that human welfare should be injected into its administration instead of the apparent feeling of harshness.

Mr. Wilson is a Methodist, Civilian, former service officer for the American Legion and very active in civic affairs.



**HIX BRADSHAW**  
Rose Hill merchant, farmer and contractor, is candidate for Coroner of Duplin County. Mr. Bradshaw is in the race with three others for this office. He is well known in Duplin, having been a magistrate for years.

## HEALTH OFFICER AND NURSES ON TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

Dr. G. V. Gooding, County Health Officer, Misses Mary Lee Sykes, Mary Alice Whitfield, Messdames Mary Bowden and Mildred Prigden, County Health Nurses, left by car Tuesday morning for New York City to attend a meeting on "Planned Parenthood." They will return home Saturday.

## News Briefs

### THE WEATHER

The weather is always an interesting subject but it seems to be taking on a more serious aspect than just something to talk about these days. Farmers are becoming desperate as the 1950 crops should be showing good signs of life. A lack of rain, plus cold weather, plus blue mold has damaged all crops to an unestimable amount. Farmers are becoming desperate for tobacco plants. For the past several years there has been much apprehension at this season over a shortage of plants but reports in general indicate that unless we have some early rain very few farmers will be able to plant their allotment. Strawberries and other truck crops have been cut sharply. Last night some rain fell in the vicinity of Beulaville and some fell between Kenansville and Wallace. Reports from other sections were not available at press time.

### COMMENCEMENT

It's Commencement time in Duplin. Within the next two weeks practically all schools in Duplin will be closing. It will be a gala occasion for most of our youngsters and the highlights of their life so far for the graduates. Prominent speakers have been secured for all graduation exercises and everyone who possibly can should attend. The messages are always good for the grown-ups as well as the students.

### ELECTED

Mrs. John E. Stanley of Wilmington, daughter of Mrs. J. B. Cooper of Wallace, has been elected treasurer of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs.

### THROAT SLASHED

Arthur James Wright, 20 year old Wallace Negro, was sent to a Wilmington hospital over the week end with a slashed throat. He was cut by another negro during a week end affray in Wallace.

### PRODUCE MARKET OPEN

The Wallace Produce Market opened Monday, 300 to 400 crates of strawberries were sold. Prices were considered good. The better berries brought around \$12 per crate.

### WINS MEDAL

Gladys Bain, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Bain of Rose Hill, was presented a World Peace Medal as a result of a contest among the seniors of Rose Hill High School.

### STREAM CLOSED

The Cavenough Old River, a tributary of the N. E. Cape Fear River near Chinquapin, has been closed from the mouth to the head, a distance of about 4 miles. The closing will be in effect during the spawning season. No fishing of any kind will be permitted.

### REA LOAN GRANTED

Rep. Graham A. Barden has announced that the Rural Electrification Administration has approved a loan of \$610,000 to the Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation. The loan will be used to complete a program of general improvements and to add 231 more miles of lines to serve 926 additional rural customers.

### REGISTRATION BOOKS

Have you registered? Registration books will be open in the county Saturday and remain open for two weeks. If you are not a registered voter get busy and register now.

### SEEING IS BELIEVING

C. W. Sutton, agricultural teacher of Beulaville, caught a Red Drum weighing 52 pounds at Topsail late Wednesday. Also he says he caught another weighing about 1-3 less. We don't know about the lighter one as we did not see it but the 52 pounder is no fish story. The drum was brought to Kenansville Thursday morning and the writer is counting on going to Beulaville tonight and help eat it. With Mr. Sutton were his wife and child so Mr. Sutton will have to give you a grade of 100 on this story. Next week we'll show you a picture of Mr. Sutton and his catch.

### F. H. A. OFFICE BEING MOVED

The Farmers Home Administration office which has been located in the Sheffield building on the second floor over Warsaw Drug Store for the past several years is being moved on May 7, 1950 to the second floor of the South Building and Trust Company building in Kenansville.

## Wallace Strawberry Festival Next Week; Program, Speakers Announced

### Wilmington Presbytery Youth Hold Annual Spring Rally In Wallace



**FRANK OWENS**  
Kinston attorney and candidate for Solicitor of this district comprising Duplin, Sampson, Onslow and Lenoir counties, was in Duplin a few days ago. Mr. Owens is opposing the incumbent Walter Britt of Turkey. Owens is a young attorney of Kinston. A veteran of World War 11, has been very active in civic affairs of Kinston since locating there and for the past year has been president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is a native of Fountain.



**CARL BRITT**  
Wallace business man is a candidate for Sheriff of Duplin County. Carl is a native of Warsaw. He is in the field of five candidates for the office.

## Local Check To Warsaw Fire Dept.

The town of Kenansville this week wrote a check to the Warsaw Fire Department for \$100 as a contribution towards purchasing a new fire truck for the town of Warsaw. Firemen of Warsaw say they are expecting the new truck to arrive next week.

## Pink Hill Veterans To Dedicate Willard Smith Post Hut Saturday

Members of the Willard Smith Post 9514, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, will dedicate their new Club House in Pink Hill Saturday. George M. Turner, Commander of the Post states that elaborate plans are being made to take care of an overflow crowd. Featuring the program will be a parade of massed colors and members from the Duplin County line to the Club House via Main Street. The parade will start at 10:30 a.m. At 11:00 the dedication ceremony will take place at the club house. Commander Turner will call the gathering to order and the Second Marine Aircraft Wing Band will play "Star Spangled Banner" after which the invocation will be said by Rev. N. P. Farrior, Chaplain, V.F.W. 9514.

Mayor Isaac Stroud will welcome the visitors and Commander Turner will introduce the distinguished guests. Music will be given by the Marine Aircraft Wing Band and Dr. Paul Whitaker will introduce the speaker, Dr. Frank P. Graham, United States Senator. Benediction will be given by Rev. Farrior and picnic lunch served on the grounds. The club house will be open to inspection by the public until 6 p. m.

Over the week end the Youth of Wilmington Presbytery met at the Wallace Presbyterian Church for their annual Spring Rally. The program began Saturday afternoon with a meeting of Presbytery's Youth Council, presided over by Arnold (Tink) Taylor of Wilmington. At 7 p.m. the Council was entertained at a weiner roast by the Wallace Youth Fellowship at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Morrison, followed by a recreation and a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council.

At 2:30 Sunday afternoon over 350 young people crowded into the Wallace Presbyterian church. They came from Mt. Olive south to Wilmington, and from Clinton on the west to Morehead City on the east. Miss Mary Lecke Elkins led the devotional in which she presented the theme for the year: "To Know Christ and Make Him Known." As a part of the devotional program Pete Winfrey sang "The Holy City".

Young People of Penderlee Clinton, and Whiteville presented a skit on a Broken Down Train to demonstrate some of the things that can be done to make a local Young Peoples' Fellowship function properly. The skit was written by Delanie Boney, Archie Fairles, and Bill Hood of Wallace and Jean Calhoun of Clinton. The skit was well prepared, and brought many a laugh to the congregation, as well as valuable lessons on Youth Work.

In a business session, following group discussions Betty L. Lamb of Wilmington was elected President of the new Council and the following officers were also elected: Vice Pres. Anne Stroud of Faison; Secy. Jean Calhoun of Clinton; Treas. Jimmy Maulsby of Jacksonville; Chmn. Christian Faith, Delanie Boney of Wallace; Chmn. Growth, Pete Winfrey of Clinton; Chmn. Works, Mary Beth Southerland of Kenansville; Chmn. Outreach, Eugene Davis, Mt. Olive; Chmn. Comradeship, Sallie Anne Simmons, Mt. Olive; Editor, Gene Witherspoon, Wilmington; Historian, Doris Daughtry, Faison; Chmn. Warsaw District, Earnest Mazingo, Bowden; Wilmington District, Dicky Holland, Wilmington; Whiteville District, Anna Avant, Whiteville; Wallace District, Archie Fairles, Wallace; Jacksonville District, Virginia Marshall, Jacksonville; Adult Advisers, Miss Eleanor Southerland and Rev. Murphy Smith.

Following the business meeting and a short break Rev. Frank Hall, Th.D., pastor of the Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, in a message, challenged the Youth to have for their greatest wish "To Know Christ, and the power of His resurrection." Miss Shelia Sutton sang a solo as part of the worship service. After the address the Rally came to a close with a picnic supper.

## Fires Still Raging; Warden Urges Care

North Carolina is suffering one of the worst outbreaks of forest fires in its history. There is hardly enough equipment to go around. Last week Duplin was hit by a number of fires. Many have been reported this week. Mr. Miller calls attention to one fire in particular. On Monday a fire broke out in the area between Friendship and Bowden and burned more area than has been recorded by Mr. Miller since he has been fire warden. More than 2000 acres were burned over before the fire was gotten under control. At one spot the fire jumped across a space of more than 800 feet to start another conflagration. 20 men saw the fire leap. By Monday night more than 100 people were in the woods fighting fire. The fire started in an area where no one should have been. The cause is unknown.

Forest Fire Warden Ralph Miller urges everyone to be unusually cautious about fire in wooded areas.

**By M. G. CORDING**  
Wallace's annual Strawberry Festival will be held May 4th and 5th and will feature a program of education and entertainment for the hundreds who annually flock to the strawberry capital for the big event.

Opening at 1:00 P. M. on the first day with a giant parade down the main street of Wallace, it will close the following night with the Strawberry Ball featuring the well known Sonny Dunham orchestra. High stepping drum majorettes will lead the parade with the crack Kinston Band and following in their wake will be the bands from the Edwards Military Institute and the Wilmington High School.

Feature speakers will be Senator Frank Graham who speaks at 2:15 on Thursday followed by Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. Ballentine at 3:30. All county and district candidates for office are invited to attend and they will be separately introduced to the audience.

Strawberry judging will take place on the second day and those who wish to enter strawberries are requested to have them in the warehouse by 11 a.m. Excellent cash awards will be offered after which the contestants may claim their berries and dispose of them through the regular auction market.

Also on the second day the second annual Junior Dairy Show will be held open to boys and girls between the ages of ten and twelve. **CONTINUED ON BACK PAGE.**

## CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

A Confederate Memorial Service will be held Sunday, May 7th, in the Presbyterian Church in Warsaw. Davis Henderson, young Wallace lawyer, will deliver the afternoon address and will be introduced by Rivers D. Johnson, Jr. of Warsaw. Invocation will be by the Rev. Jerry Newbold. The Presbyterian Church Choir will render special music at this time. Taps will be played by Ralph Best, Jr. The public is urged to attend.

## Work Exhibit

The first county-wide work exhibit of the white schools of Duplin County will be held in the Kenan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville on Thursday and Friday, April 27 and 28. The public is invited to see this display which will be made up of booklets, maps, sewing, wood work and all types of work from the elementary and high schools of the county. The auditorium will be open to visitors from 3:00 o'clock to 6:00 o'clock each afternoon. This exhibit is in no way a competitive event. There will be no judging and no prizes will be awarded.

## COMEDIES FROM EVERY DAY LIFE

**By Mrs. Howard Joiner**  
A rather buxom woman was standing in a crowded street car trying to find a token for car fare. All her pockets had been tightly buttoned as a precaution against pickpockets, and a little commotion resulted.

"Please, Madam, let me pay your fare," said a man beside her. "No indeed," she replies as the continuance to search, "I've got the fare here someplace."

"I'm sure of it," said the man, "but I'd like to pay your fare. For you see, you've unbuttoned my suspenders three times already."

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